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Docket No.: 53924USA1B.010



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: DESMOND T. CURRAN ET AL.

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Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

For: MANNER OF ATTACHING COMPONENT ELEMENTS TO FILTRATION MATERIAL  
SUCH AS MAY BE UTILIZED IN RESPIRATORY MASKS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, enclosed please find a completed form PTO-1449 citing references submitted for consideration during examination of the above-referenced patent application. A copy of each of the references cited therein is also enclosed.

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the Moldex-Metric Series 2700 Respirators described on the attached letter dated December 16, 1998, which is believed to be the date such respirators first placed on sale in the United States. That date is less than one year prior to the October 19, 1999, U.S. filing date of the above-identified application. The name and address of the recipient has been redacted from the letter. If desired by the Examiner, applicants can submit a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 showing completion of their invention before December 16, 1998.

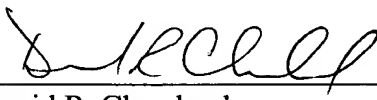
Also enclosed is a copy of the front and left side panels of a box of 10 Moldex-Metric Series 2700 Respirators and copy of a product brochure that was contained inside the box. The left side panel of the box bears the legend "2701N-802 REV A 9/98" and the second page of the brochure bears the legend "9701-712 REV A 9/98". Notwithstanding these

legends, the box and brochure are believed not to have become publicly available until on or after December 16, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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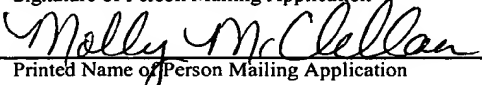
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